THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b). Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of Chinese Fighter Planes by Pakistan

2635. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the purchase of 350 to 400 Chinese fighter planes by Pakistan, which is an improved Beijing version of the Soviet MIG 21, so as to augment and to strengthen its air force;

(b) if so, in what manner these fighter planes compare with the Indian Air Force fighter planes in terms of technology, performance and striking power;

(c) to what extent the striking power of Pak Air Force is likely to be strengthened as a consequence thereof, as compared to Indian Air Force squadrons; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government to keep a balance in the striking air power with Pak Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government has seen press reports regarding Pakistan's purported interest in the acquisition of Chinese F-7M fighter planes.

(b) and (c) The performance of this fighter is stated to be similar to MIG-21 aircraft in the Indian Air Force. These aircraft are reportedly intended to replace the F-6 fleet in the Pakistan Air Force; and could be used primarily for air defence.

(d) Government is taking appropriate measures in this regard.

High production cost of Dornier 228 Aircraft in India

2636. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present cost of the HAL built Dornier 228 aircraft; and

(b) what is the international price of this aircraft and what are the reasons for its high production cost in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The present price of the HAL built basic Dornier 228 aircraft is approximately Rs. 3.65 crores, exclusive of statutory levies and taxes, while the international price of the similar aircraft works out to approximately Rs. 4.57 crores. The price of the indigenously built aircraft is thus comparable to the international price of the similar aircraft.

दर्शकों पर विज्ञापनों का प्रभाव

2637. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दूरदर्शन पर दिखाए जाने वाले विज्ञापनों से लोगों में उच्च स्तरीय जीवन जीने की ललक पैदा होने की संभावनाओं के खतरे के संबंध में जानकारी है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार इन विज्ञापनों की पुनरीक्षा करने के लिए कोई संसदीय समिति नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) और (ख) दूरदर्शन इस समय अपने कुल प्रेषण समय का 5 प्रतिशत समय वाणिज्यिक विज्ञापनों को टेलीकास्ट करने के लिए देता है । इससे दर्शकों पर कोई